

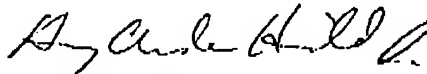
REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application in view of the amendments and remarks to follow is respectfully requested. Since the present Response raises no new issues, entry thereof is respectfully requested under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.116.

Claims 1-16 and 18-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent Number 4,291,302 to King et al. ("King, et al."). Claim 17 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being obvious obvious over King in view of U.S. Patent Number 5,065,104 (Kusko). Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's indication that Claims 21-23 are allowable.

In response to the Examiner's comments and for the purposes of advancing prosecution, applicants have cancelled Claims 1-20. Therefore, since applicants have cancelled Claims 1-20 and the remaining claims have been allowed, applicants respectfully requires that a notice of allowance be issued. If the Examiner would like to suggest changes of a formal nature to place this application in better condition for allowance, a telephone call to applicants' undersigned attorney would be appreciated.

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